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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: JOHN ACKAH BLAY-MIEZAH

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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL PARAGHAPH 2(B), WEEKLY ECHO CARRIED FRONT PAGE, CENTER SPREAD BACK PAGE ITEMS IN FEB 2 ISSUE INCLUDING COPIES OF INQUIRER AND BULLETIN STORIES ON SMITH CONVICTION. (FYI - BOTH PAPERS INACCURATELY REPORTED EMBASSY HAD BEEN ASKED TO INITIATE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS).

2. EDITOR OF ECHO, S. KISSI-AFARE, DETAILED STORY AS FAR AS HE KNEW IT AND ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO LOOK INTO AFFAIR IN DEPTH. AMONG POINTS HE DROVE HOME WAS APPARENT GOG SPONSORSHIP OF BLAY-MIEZAH THROUGH ISSUANCE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND ASSOCIATION OF AMOAKA-ATTA WITH SCHEME.

3. KISSI-AFARE WAS SUMMONED TO INFO COMMISSIONER TACHIE-MENSON ALONG WITH OTHER EDITORS ON FEB 3 AND TOLD TO LAY OFF STORY. KISSI-AFARE CLAIMS HE DEFENDED "RIGHT" OF PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT GOVERNMENT IS UP TO AND TO INSIST THAT HOAX, IF THAT IS WHAT IT IS, BE EXPOSED. APPARENTLY HE IS NOT PREPARED TO FOLLOW TACHIE-MENSON DIRECTION AND MAY TRY TO EXPLORE
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STORY FURTHER USING CONTACTS IN PHILADELPHIA.

4. IT IS REPORTED AMOAKA-ATTA'S POSITION WITH GOG AS ROVING
AMBASSADOR FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE WAS
TERMINATED JAN 31.
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